

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 2 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter.

Please amend the remaining claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A printing apparatus, ~~comprising~~ comprising:  
a printing agent container for storing printing agent;  
printing means for replenishing the printing agent from said printing agent container and imparting the printing agent to a printing medium from a plurality of printing elements; and

a pair of paper-conveying rollers for conveying the printing medium while maintaining the latter in a flat state by supporting the printing medium from front and rear surfaces thereof;

wherein a printing region plane opposite to the printing ~~medium~~, medium in which said plurality of printing elements of said printing means are arranged, at least part of a paper-conveying roller region occupied with said paper-conveying ~~rollers~~ rollers, and at least part of a printing ~~medium~~ agent region in which said printing agent container is ~~located~~ are located, are all arranged on a same straight line contained in said printing region plane, such that said at least part of said paper-conveying roller region is interposed between said printing region plane and at least part of said printing agent region.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Original) A printing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said printing agent region is positioned at a level higher than said printing means in the gravity direction at the operating position of said printing apparatus.

4. (Original) A printing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the printing agent is located in said printing agent container at a lower level in the gravity direction as the printing on the printing medium is proceeding.

5. (Original) A printing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the printing agent is liquid stored in said printing agent container while maintaining a liquid state.

6. (Currently Amended) A printing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said printing means has means capable of carrying out the printing operation on the printing medium with ~~during the horizontal motion at the~~ that is horizontal when said printing apparatus is in its operating position ~~of said printing apparatus~~.

7. (Original) A printing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the printing agent is liquid ink and said printing element has an ejection orifice for ejecting ink and an element for generating energy used for ejecting the ink from said ejection orifice.

8. (Currently Amended) A printing cartridge having a configuration capable of being mounted to said printing apparatus as claimed in ~~claim 2, comprising;~~  
claim 1, comprising:

a printing agent container for storing printing agent; and  
printing means for replenishing the printing agent from said printing agent container and imparting the printing agent to a printing medium from a plurality of printing elements.

9. (Currently Amended) A printing agent container detachably mounted to ~~said~~ said printing means used in said printing apparatus as claimed in claim 1.

10. (Original) A printing agent container detachably mounted to said printing means constituting said printing cartridge as claimed in claim 8.

11. (Currently Amended) A printing apparatus for carrying out the printing operation by using printing means, ~~comprising~~ comprising:

a first conveying roller for conveying a printing medium on a predetermined conveying path,

holding means disposed on said conveying path downstream of said first conveying roller, for holding the printing means,

a second conveying roller for conveying the printing medium disposed on said conveying path downstream of said holding means, and

a printing material container held by said holding means or said recording means, and extending over said conveying path to a position further downstream of said second conveying roller and closer to said conveying path than the farthest point from said conveying path of said second conveying roller.

12. (Original) A printing apparatus as claimed in claim 11, wherein said printing material comprises ink, and said printing means carrying out the printing operation by discharging said ink.

13. (Currently Amended) A printing apparatus for carrying out said printing operation by using printing means, ~~comprising~~ comprising:

a first conveying roller for conveying a recording medium on a predetermined conveying path,

holding means disposed on said conveying path downstream of said first conveying roller, for holding the recording means,

a second conveying roller disposed on said conveying path downstream of said holding means, and

a recording material container held by said holding means or said recording means, and extending over said conveying path to a position further upstream of said first conveying roller and closer to said conveying path than the farthest point from said conveying path of said first conveying roller.

14. (Original) A printing apparatus as claimed in claim 13, wherein said printing material comprises ink, and said printing means carrying out the printing operation by discharging said ink.